

Farm Facts For South Carolina

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States February, 2011 1/

Selected States	Feb 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	February 2011 as % of 2010
	Million Pounds			Percent
Florida	8.1	8.6	8.8	109
Georgia	8.9	10.1	10.7	121
Kansas	402.9	438.8	410.3	102
Nebraska	528.6	595.8	549.6	104
North Carolina	205.8	196.6	196.7	96
SOUTH CAROLINA	18.5	21.0	20.2	109
Texas	365.7	398.0	386.9	106
UNITED STATES	3,735.8	4,042.0	3,811.3	102

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, February, 2011

Class	Feb 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	February 2011 % of	
				Feb 2010	Jan 2011
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	1,955.2	2,123.7	2,021.2	103	95
Veal	10.7	10.8	10.5	98	97
Pork	1,757.5	1,896.3	1,768.7	101	93
Lamb and Mutton	12.4	11.2	10.9	88	98
Total Red Meat 2/	3,735.8	4,042.0	3,811.3	102	94

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The Preliminary total live weight of poultry federally inspected during February 2011 was 4.42 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.27 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.80 billion pounds, up 4 percent from February 2010.

Mature chickens, at 61.1 million pounds, were up 9 percent from the previous year. Young chickens slaughtered during February 2011 averaged 5.76 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from February 2010. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.56 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, February 2011.

Selected States	Number Slaughtered	Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified 1/	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
	Thou.	Thou. Lbs	Pounds	Thou. Lbs	Carcass and Parts	Percent 2/
Alabama	82,508	463,896	5.62	347,530	2,818	0.80
Georgia	94,240	502,412	5.33	379,864	3,266	0.85
North Carolina	55,889	394,474	7.06	308,415	3,712	1.19
South Carolina	23,163	161,314	6.96	121,105	916	0.75
United States	659,099	3,798,570	5.76	2,850,590	26,160	0.91

1/ Ready-to-cook weights. 2/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

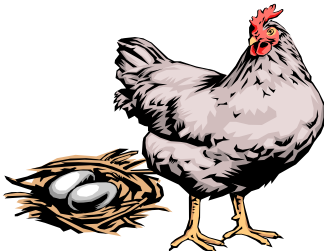
EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 88 million eggs during February, up 5 percent from last year. Production totaled 68 million table eggs and 20 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,423,000 birds, up 1 percent from 4,394,000 a year ago. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,990 eggs, compared with 1,912 in 2010.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.01 billion during February 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.03 billion table eggs, and 974 million hatching eggs, of which 908 million were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2011 averaged 339 million, down slightly from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,065 eggs, up 1 percent from February 2010.

Average Layers and Egg Production, February 2011

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,762	165	1,690
Florida	9,374	203	2,166
Georgia	16,986	336	1,978
North Carolina	13,368	249	1,863
South Carolina	4,423	88	1,990
United States	339,287	7,005	2,065



BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of February, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 17.86 million chicks, down 2 percent from last year's 18.32 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2011 totaled 709 million, up 1 percent from February 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 642 million on March 1, 2011, down slightly from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	February 2011	Cumulative, 2011
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	17,864	37,784
United States	708,724	1,489,847
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	37,336	78,702



COTTON GINNINGS

GINNINGS: As of March 25, 2009-2010, States and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned	
	2009	2010
All Cotton		
Alabama	331,650	463,450
Arizona	420,350	560,500
Arkansas	797,550	1,100,300
Georgia	1,821,100	2,222,950
Louisiana	340,750	438,950
Mississippi	396,900	814,800
North Carolina	750,050	937,100
South Carolina	195,300	357,550
Tennessee	485,600	667,500
Texas	4,549,400	7,734,900
United States	11,447,250	17,172,900

HOG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011 was 64.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2010-February 2011 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 1 percent from 2010 but down 2 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.86 million head, down 1 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.80 for the December 2010-February 2011 period, compared to 9.61 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

2010 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

The March Prospective Plantings Survey indicated that SOUTH CAROLINA farmers intend to harvest more corn, cotton, soybeans, wheat, peanuts and hay this year while tobacco intentions are down and oats remain unchanged from 2010.

CORN growers currently expect to plant 360,000 acres in 2011. This is up 3 percent from the acreage planted in 2010, and up 7 percent from 2009.

COTTON growers currently intend to plant 260,000 acres in 2011. This is up 29 percent from 2010, and 126 percent above 2009.

TOBACCO acreage for harvest in 2011 is expected to total 14,500 acres. This is down 9 percent from 2010 and down 22 percent from 2009.

SOYBEAN average is expected to total 510,000 acres in 2011 – up 10 percent from 2010 but down 14 percent from 2009.

WHEAT acreage planted for the 2011 crop is set at 200,000 acres - up 38 percent from 2010 and up 21 percent from 2009.

OATS including both fall and spring plantings, are expected to total 26,000 acres, unchanged from 2010 but 13 percent below 2009.

PEANUT acreage for 2011 is expected to total 70,000 acres, up 4 percent from 2010 and up 40 percent from 2009.

HAY acres for harvest this year are expected to total 390,000 acres, up 8 percent from 2010 and up 11 percent from 2009.

U. S. PEANUT STOCKS

Peanut stocks reported in commercial storage on February 28, 2011 totaled 3.25 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared with 3.54 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.50 billion pounds of actual farmer stock. Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 711 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 42.5 million pounds. Shelled peanut stocks totaled 534 million pounds of which 489 million pounds

were edible grades and 45.4 million pounds were oil stock. Edible grade stocks by type included 98.5 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 366 million pounds of Runners, and 24.8 million pounds of Spanish. February millings totaled 351 million pounds. Millings by type were 47.9 million pounds of Virginias and Valencias, 291 million pounds of Runners, and 12.6 million pounds of Spanish.

Stocks of Peanuts (excludes stocks on farms) and Specific Products at Month's End, Crop of 2010-2011

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 1/	Roasting Stock (In Shell) 2/	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
2010	---1,000 Pounds---				
August	711,414	555,985	51,378	739,460	1,502,252
September	1,064,878	504,135	43,596	670,500	1,778,974
October	2,900,280	532,910	42,665	708,770	3,651,715
November	3,394,162	531,415	50,100	706,782	4,151,044
December	3,178,274	497,464	47,452	661,627	3,887,353
2011					
January	2,852,936	502,838	41,288	668,775	3,562,999
February	2,501,386	534,403	42,507	710,756	3,254,649
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
2010					
February	2,656,944	626,774	51,285	833,609	3,541,838

1/ Excludes stocks on farms. 2/ Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated). 3/ Actual farmer stock, plus roasting stock, plus shelled peanuts X 1.33.

VEGETABLES

SOUTH CAROLINA SPRING VEGETABLE ACREAGE UP 4 PERCENT FROM 2010

In **SOUTH CAROLINA**, the spring acreage of fresh market **cucumbers** is expected to total 1,000 acres, unchanged from 2010, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Spring acreage of fresh market **tomatoes** is estimated at 2,500 acres, up 4 percent from last year.

South Carolina growers have contracted to grow 2,000 acres of cucumbers for pickles, unchanged from 2010.

UNITED STATES SPRING VEGETABLE ACREAGE UP 1 PERCENT

The prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the spring quarter is forecast at 193,680 acres, up 1 percent from last year. Acreage increases for cabbage, carrots, sweet corn, and tomatoes more than offset acreage declines for snap beans, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers, head lettuce, and bell peppers. Broccoli area remains unchanged. Melon acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 68,000 acres, down 3 percent from last year. Cantaloupe and watermelon acreages are down 1 percent and 5 percent, respectively, from 2010. Honeydew acreage is up 8 percent from last year. Asparagus area for spring harvest is forecast at 28,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Strawberry area for harvest is forecast at 49,800 acres, up 1 percent from a year ago.

